with the social partners to bring about a consensus especially on the implementation of the recommendations of the Second National Commission on Labour.

Legislation for unorganised workers

1735. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering to formulate a legislation to regulate conditions of service for the workers in the unorganised sector;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed legislation;

(c) whether the workers in the unorganised sector are deprived of their rights and also neglected completely; and

(d) if so, to what extent the proposed legislation is going to protect their rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) The Government propose to formulate a legislation for the unorganised workers to ensure their minimum protection and welfare. Though Government has taken up several initiatives through legislation, creation of funds, welfare and poverty alleviation schemes, awareness generation programmes etc. the proposed legislation is expected to provide welfare measures and protect the rights of the unorganised workers to a great extent.

Child labourers

1736. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of child labourers in the country;

(b) the various child labour abolition programmes undertaken by Government at present;

(c) whether Government propose to bring amendment in the Child Labour Prohibition of Regulation Act, 1986 to make it more purposeful; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?